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The owners of the patent application filed herewith,
entitled SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE, hereby appoint

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as their attorney to prosecute this application and to transact
all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected
therewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR Section
3.73(b).

Documentary evidence of chain of title of the invention and
application is in the form of an executed assignment of one-half
interest from the sole inventor to Frank Hoffman, a copy of which
is included herewith and which is now submitted for recording in
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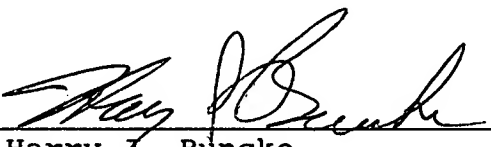
The owners have reviewed the enclosed assignment and certify
that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, title to the
invention and patent application is in the sole inventor and
Frank Hoffman, each being owner of one-half interest in the
invention, as listed below.

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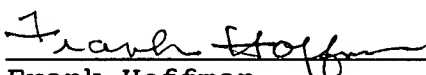
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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Surgical Methods Using One-Way Suture**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56(a).

[] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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